

engaging strap member by at least one fastener which extends through at least one of a plurality of holes disposed in at least one of said [flexible] boot-engaging strap member and said mounting strap.

A1 24. (Amended) The strap according to claim 23, wherein said strap is releasably connectable to an engagement strap, and wherein said [flexible] boot-engaging strap member includes a buckle mounted to an outer portion of said [flexible] boot-engaging strap member, said buckle configured and arranged to engage a first end of the engagement strap.

A2 26. (Amended) The strap according to claim 23, wherein said [flexible] boot-engaging strap member is a unitary strap member.

27. (Amended) The strap according to claim 23, wherein said [flexible] boot-engaging strap member is pre-shaped so as to conform to the snowboarding boot.

Please add new claims 30-85, as follows:

W 30. (New) A method of adjusting a binding strap over a snowboarding boot, the binding strap being mounted to a binding baseplate and releasably connectable to an engagement strap mounted to the baseplate, the binding strap comprising a binding strap member and a mounting strap releasably securable to the binding strap member in one of a plurality of positions, the mounting strap including a first section having a mounting feature and a second section having a plurality of holes, the method comprising acts of:

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adjusting a position of the binding strap member relative to the mounting strap;
securing the mounting strap to the binding strap member in said position by extending a fastener through one of the plurality of holes; and
engaging the binding strap to the engagement strap to conform to the boot and secure the boot to the baseplate.

31. (New) The method according to claim 30, further comprising an act of mounting the mounting strap to the binding baseplate using the mounting feature.

32. (New) The method according to claim 30, further comprising an act of inserting at least a portion of the first section of the mounting strap through a portion of the binding strap member.

33. (New) The method according to claim 32, wherein the portion of the binding strap member includes an opening, and wherein the act of inserting at least a portion of the first section of the mounting strap through a portion of the binding strap member comprises an act of inserting the portion of the mounting strap through the opening.

34. (New) The method according to claim 30, wherein the binding strap member includes a buckle mounted to an outer portion thereof, and wherein the act of engaging comprises an act of engaging the buckle with a first section of the engagement strap.

35. (New) The method according to claim 34, wherein the buckle is a ratcheting buckle, and wherein the act of engaging further comprises an act of incrementally adjusting an engagement position of the engagement strap and the binding strap member.

36. (New) A binding strap for securing a snowboarding boot within a binding base, the binding strap being mountable to the base and releasably connectable to an engagement strap extending from the base, the binding strap comprising:


a boot-engaging strap member configured and arranged to be releasably connected to the engagement strap and to secure the snowboarding boot to the base, the boot-engaging strap member having a contour; and

a mounting strap having a first section releasably securable to said boot-engaging strap member via at least one fastener and a second section configured and arranged to engage the binding base, said first section being disposed closer to a first end of said mounting strap than to a second end of said mounting strap;

wherein said boot-engaging strap member and said mounting strap are moveable relative to each other so that a length of said binding strap is selectively adjustable by a user, at least one of said boot-engaging strap member and said mounting strap having a plurality of holes, each hole being adapted to receive one of the at least one fastener to releasably secure said first section of said mounting strap to said boot-engaging strap member; and

wherein, when said mounting strap is secured to said boot-engaging strap member, said first end of said mounting strap conforms to said contour of said boot-engaging strap member.

37. (New) The binding strap according to claim 36, wherein said contour of said boot-engaging strap member conforms to a contour of the snowboarding boot when said boot-engaging strap member secures the snowboarding boot in the binding.



38. (New) The binding strap according to claim 36, wherein said contour of said boot-engaging strap member is pre-shaped so as to conform to a contour of the snowboarding boot.

39. (New) The binding strap according to claim 36, wherein said boot-engaging strap member includes a buckle mounted thereto, said buckle configured and arranged to engage a first section of the engagement strap.

40. (New) The binding strap according to claim 39, wherein said buckle is a ratcheting buckle which matingly engages the first section of the engagement strap for incremental adjustment of the binding strap.

41. (New) The binding strap according to claim 40, wherein the first section of the engagement strap includes a plurality of serrations, and wherein said buckle is adjustably engageable with the plurality of serrations.

42. (New) The binding strap according to claim 36, wherein a portion of said mounting strap is insertable through a portion of said boot-engaging strap member such that

when said mounting strap is secured to said boot-engaging strap member, said first end of said mounting strap conforms to said contour of said boot-engaging strap member.

43. (New) The binding strap according to claim 36, further comprising means for, when said mounting strap is secured to said boot-engaging strap member, conforming said first end of said mounting strap to a contour of said boot-engaging strap member.

44. (New) The binding strap according to claim 42, wherein said portion of said boot-engaging strap member includes an opening, said portion of said mounting strap being insertable through said opening.

45. (New) The binding strap according to claim 44, wherein said portion of said boot-engaging strap member includes top and bottom walls that defines a top and a bottom of said opening.

46. (New) The binding strap according to claim 45, wherein said portion of said boot-engaging strap member includes sides extending between said top and bottom walls.

47. (New) The binding strap according to claim 46, wherein said portion of said boot-engaging strap member includes an end extending between said top and bottom walls so that said opening is open only on one end.

48. (New) The binding strap according to claim 44, wherein said portion of said boot-engaging strap member includes sides.

49. (New) The binding strap according to claim 44, wherein said opening comprises a slit.

50. (New) The binding strap according to claim 44, in combination with the binding.

51. (New) A method of adjusting a binding strap over a snowboarding boot, the binding strap being mounted to the base and releasably connectable to an engagement strap mounted to the base, the binding strap comprising a boot-engaging strap member having a contour and a mounting strap releasably securable to the boot-engaging strap member via at least one fastener, the mounting strap having a first section having a plurality of holes, and a second section mounted to the binding base, the method comprising acts of:

adjusting a position of the mounting strap relative to the boot-engaging strap member while ensuring that the end of the mounting strap conforms to the contour of the boot-engaging strap member; and

securing the mounting strap to the binding strap member in said position by extending the at least one fastener through at least one of the plurality of holes.

52. (New) The method according to claim 51, wherein the mounting strap has an end adjacent the first section, and wherein the act of adjusting a position of the mounting strap relative to the boot-engaging strap member while ensuring that the end of the mounting strap conforms to the contour of the boot-engaging strap member comprises an act of inserting at least a portion of the first section of the mounting strap through a portion of the boot-engaging strap member.

53. (New) The method according to claim 52, wherein the mounting strap has an end adjacent the first section, wherein the portion of the boot-engaging strap member includes an opening, and wherein the act of inserting at least a portion of the first section of the mounting strap through a portion of the boot-engaging strap member comprises inserting the end of the mounting strap through the opening.

54. (New) The method according to claim 51, wherein the binding strap member includes a buckle mounted thereto and wherein the method further comprises an act of engaging the buckle with a first section of the engagement strap.

55. (New) The method according to claim 54, wherein the buckle is a ratcheting buckle, and wherein the method further comprises an act of incrementally adjusting an engagement position of the first section of the engagement strap and the binding strap member.

56. (New) A binding strap for securing a snowboarding boot within a binding base, the binding strap being mountable to the base and releasably connectable to an engagement strap extending from the base, the binding strap comprising:

a boot-engaging strap member configured and arranged to be releasably connected to the engagement strap and to secure the snowboarding boot to the binding;

a mounting strap having a first section releasably securable to said boot-engaging strap member and a second section configured and arranged to engage the binding base; and

at least two engagement elements to engage the mounting strap with the boot-engaging strap;

wherein said boot-engaging strap member and said mounting strap are moveable relative to each other so that the length of said binding strap is selectively adjustable by a user, at least one of said boot-engaging strap member and said mounting strap having a plurality of adjustment holes, each hole being adapted to receive one of the at least two engagement elements therethrough to adjustably engage the first section of said mounting strap with said binding strap member.

57. (New) The binding strap according to claim 56, wherein said boot-engaging strap member includes a buckle mounted thereto, said buckle configured and arranged to engage a first section of the engagement strap.

58. (New) The binding strap according to claim 57, wherein said buckle is a ratcheting buckle which matingly engages the first section of the engagement strap for incremental adjustment of the engagement strap.


59. (New) The binding strap according to claim 58, wherein the first section of the engagement strap includes a plurality of serrations and wherein said buckle is adjustably engagable with said plurality of serrations.

60. (New) The binding strap according to claim 56, wherein each of said engagement elements comprises a fastener.

61. (New) The binding strap according to claim 56, wherein each of said engagement elements comprises a screw.

62. (New) The binding strap according to claim 56, wherein a portion of said mounting strap is insertable through a portion of said boot-engaging strap member.

63. (New) The binding strap according to claim 62, wherein said portion of said boot-engaging strap member includes an opening, said portion of said mounting strap being insertable through said opening.



64. (New) The binding strap according to claim 63, wherein said portion of said boot-engaging strap member includes top and bottom walls that define a top and a bottom of said opening.

65. (New) The binding strap according to claim 64, wherein said portion of said boot-engaging strap member includes sides extending between said top and bottom walls.

66. (New) The binding strap according to claim 65, wherein said portion of said boot-engaging strap member includes an end extending between said top and bottom walls so that said opening is open only on one end.

67. (New) The binding strap according to claim 63, wherein said portion of said boot-engaging strap member includes sides.

68. (New) The binding strap according to claim 63, wherein said opening comprises a slit.

69. (New) The binding strap according to claim 56, in combination with the binding.

70. (New) A binding strap for securing a snowboarding boot within a binding base, the binding strap comprising:

a binding strap member configured and arranged and to secure the snowboarding boot in the binding, the binding strap having a first end configured and arranged to be releasably connectable to the base, the binding strap member further having a second end; and

a mounting strap having a first section releasably securable with said second end of said binding strap member via at least one fastener and a second section configured and arranged to engage the binding base, at least one of said binding strap member and said mounting strap having a plurality of adjustment holes, each adjustment hole being adapted to receive one of the at least one fastener to adjustably secure the first section of said mounting strap to said second end of said binding strap member, said binding strap member and said mounting strap being moveable relative to each other so that the length of said binding strap is selectively adjustable by a user;

wherein a portion of said mounting strap is insertable through a portion of said binding strap member.

71. (New) The binding strap according to claim 70, wherein the binding includes an engagement strap mounted to the binding base at a first section of the engagement strap, and wherein said binding strap member includes a buckle mounted thereto, said buckle being configured and arranged to engage a second section of an engagement strap.

72. (New) The binding strap according to claim 71, wherein said buckle is a ratcheting buckle which matingly engages the engagement strap for incremental adjustment of said binding strap.

73. (New) The binding strap according to claim 72, wherein the first section of the engagement strap includes a plurality of serrations and wherein said buckle is adjustably engageable with the plurality of serrations.

74. (New) The binding strap according to claim 70, wherein said portion of said mounting strap insertable through said portion of said binding strap member includes an end of said mounting strap, and wherein when said portion of said mounting strap is inserted through said portion of said binding strap member, said end of said mounting strap is maintained in close proximity to said binding strap member.

75. (New) The binding strap according to claim 70, wherein said portion of said mounting strap insertable through said portion of said binding strap member includes an end of said mounting strap, and wherein when said portion of said mounting strap is inserted through said portion of said binding strap member, said end of said mounting strap conforms to a contour of said binding strap member.

AB 76. (New) The binding strap according to claim 70, wherein said portion of said mounting strap insertable through said portion of said binding strap member includes an end of said mounting strap, and wherein said binding strap further comprises means for, when said portion of said mounting strap is inserted through said portion of said binding strap member, maintaining said end of said mounting strap in close proximity to said binding strap member.

77. (New) The binding strap according to claim 70, wherein said portion of said mounting strap insertable through said portion of said binding strap member includes an end of said mounting strap, and wherein said binding strap further comprises means for, when said portion of said mounting strap is inserted through said portion of said binding strap member, conforming said end of said mounting strap to a contour of said binding strap member.

78. (New) The binding strap according to claim 70, wherein said portion of said binding strap member includes an opening, and wherein said portion of said mounting strap is insertable through said opening.

79. (New) The binding strap according to claim 78, wherein said portion of said binding strap member includes top and bottom walls that define a top and a bottom of said opening.

80. (New) The binding strap according to claim 79, wherein said portion of said binding strap member includes sides extending between said top and bottom walls.

81. (New) The binding strap according to claim 80, wherein said portion of said binding strap member includes an end extending between said top and bottom walls so that said opening is open only on one end.

82. (New) The binding strap according to claim 78, wherein said portion of said binding strap member includes sides.

83. (New) The binding strap according to claim 78, wherein said opening comprises a slit.

84. (New) The binding strap according to claim 70, wherein the binding includes an engagement strap mounted to the binding base at a first section of the engagement strap, and wherein said binding strap member is releasably connectable to the engagement strap.

85. (New) A first strap component, adapted to contact a snowboard boot, the first strap component including means to engage a second strap component, the first strap component comprising:

a first strap piece that is adapted to overlie and contact a portion of the snowboard boot and includes the means for adjustably engaging the second strap component;

an elongate second strap piece that is movably mounted along its length direction to the first strap piece in that

one of the first and second strap pieces has a plurality of mating features adapted to engage with a corresponding mating feature on the other of the first and second strap pieces to enable the first and second strap pieces to be secured against any relative lengthwise movement in a plurality of engagement positions; and

an end of the second strap piece being inserted through a portion of the first strap piece.
